

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Rett Syndrome is a childhood neurodevelopment disorder that almost exclusively affects girls; and,

*Whereas*, Although Rett Syndrome is present at birth, symptoms usually do not develop until children are between the ages of 6-18 months; and,

*Whereas*, Some of the first symptoms of Rett Syndrome include problems crawling or walking, diminished eye contact, and eventually, interference with body movement; and,

*Whereas*, There is no known cure for Rett Syndrome. Symptoms can be treated with medication and occupational, physical, and hydro therapies which can prolong mobility; and,

*Whereas*, While there is still much to learn about Rett Syndrome, there have been significant advances in diagnosis and in promising research; and,

*Whereas*, It is important to continue our efforts in bringing Rett Syndrome awareness to the medical community, therapists, teachers, caregivers, and the general public to encourage a world without Rett Syndrome:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2014 as

## **RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH**

in South Dakota.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fourteen.



*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State